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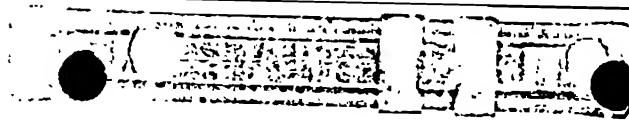
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TO : SAC

DATE: June 18, 1950

FROM : WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, SA

SUBJECT: INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM
SEARCH OF VAN POSNAK FIREPROOF STORAGE
WAREHOUSE, 92 HOWARD ST., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY,
ON JUNE 17, 1950 BY SAs TROY COLEMAN AND EUGENE
C. JONES, AND PERTAINS TO MATERIAL IN GREEN
STEEL BOX IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

Two sheets of white paper, 8½ x 11", containing a biographical sketch of BLACK's background, which is as follows:

"Paternal grandfather - farmer - Scotch Irish
Paternal grandmother - - German
Maternal grandfather - tinsmith - English
Maternal grandmother - - English

"Father - Instructor, Bloomsburg State Teachers College. Died 1931.
Fellow Royal Society, London.

"Mother - Died 1910.

"Born July 5, 1907 at Bloomsburg Pennsylvania.

"Worked in grocery store ('Fair Store') during summer of 1919.

"Worked as assistant to janitor of Bloomsburg High School during school year of 1919-1920.

"Worked as photographer's apprentice ('Jack Geistivite Studio') for 2 years (1920-1922). Work done after school, week ends and summer vacations.

"Worked as newspaper photographer ('The Morning Press') 1923.

"Worked in silk mill ('Columbia Silk Throwing Co') summer 1924.

"Worked as spinner ('Gunter Silk Co') nights and week-ends, fall, winter, spring 1924-1925"

Reverse side of sheet, numbered "2." at top is as follows:

"Graduated from Bloomsburg High School, 1925

"Entered Pennsylvania State College - chemistry - 1925

"Organized 'The Liberal Club' at Penn State, 1927. Club composed of radical students. Program opposed to military training (R.O.T.C.) and to compulsory attendance at college chapel services. Club obtained charter as anti-religious organization in 1929 from 'American Association for the advancement of athiesm'.

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"Became ill with colitis 1927. and remained ill through 1930. Left Penn State without obtaining degree in 1929.

"Worked as control chemist - American Cyanamid Co. from summer of 1929 - summer 1930.

"Worked as chemist - Holbroo, Mfg. Co. - soap makers) from summer of 1930 to spring of 1933.

"Changed name legally (Court of common Pleas, Union County, N.J.) in 1931 from Tasso Lessing Black to Thomas Lessing Black. "

The third page, which is numbered "3.", reads as follows:

"Joined F.S.U. and later, C.P. Fall 1931.

"Started to work for National Oil Products Co spring 1933, as analytical chemist. Made Research Chemist, fall 1933. Dropped out of all radical activities (C.P., F.S.U.) because opportunity was present for obtaining technical information of value to S.U. Made Bacteriologist, fall 1935"

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LEADS

Will question BLACK in detail concerning his organization of "The Liberal Club" at Penn State, which was composed of radical students and opposed to military training and religious activities at Penn State.

Will also question him regarding his activities relating to atheism.

Will obtain a complete explanation from BLACK regarding his notations to the effect that he dropped out of all radical activities (CP, FSU) because opportunity was present for obtaining technical information of value to S.U.

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BLACK's EXPLANATION

This is a copy of a biographical sketch of his which BLACK turned over to PETERSEN at PETERSEN's request, soon after their initial contact. Detailed information on his ancestry and all of his employment, even though part time, was included at PETERSEN's suggestion. The same type of biographical sketch on HELLER, VERA KANE and HENRY GOLD was turned over to PETERSEN by BLACK.

The statement in the last paragraph to the effect that BLACK had been a member of the Communist Party and Friends of the Soviet Union, but had dropped out because he had the opportunity of obtaining technical information of value to the Soviet Union, was called to BLACK's attention. It was pointed out to him that this statement was at variance with his story that he originally contacted the Soviets for the purpose of obtaining a job in Russia and that he dropped out of the Communist Party because of a change of heart. His answer was that in making this statement to PETERSEN he was "playing ball" with him because, at the time the biography was prepared, BLACK still had hopes of getting a job in Russia. All of the information in this report was placed there because it was the type PETERSEN requested.

BLACK said he changed his name legally from TASSO to THOMAS because he got tired of answering questions about it, and for no other reason.

The only items in the biography upon which PETERSEN commented were his work as a Photographer's Apprentice for a studio in Bloomsburg and as a News Photographer for the Bloomsburg Morning Press. PETERSEN said this training would be of value.

The biography is in BLACK's handwriting.

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TO : SAC

FROM : JOHN A. HERENSTREIT, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
ESPIONAGE - "R"

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM
SEARCH OF VAN POSNAK FIREPROOF STORAGE
WAREHOUSE, 92 HOWARD ST., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY,
ON JUNE 17, 1950, BY SAS TROY COLEMAN AND
EUGENE C. JONES AND PERTAINS TO MATERIAL
IN GREEN STEEL BOX, IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

A notebook, 4 5/8 x 2 3/4", which contained pages which
were perforated that divided the page into four equal sections. This note-
book reflected the following information:

JACK WEBER
SARAH WEBER
(LOUIS JACOBS)
(SARA JACOBS)

372 High St.
Orange, N.J.
Research Engineer at Edisons

"Writer & lecturer
formerly head International Workers School"

Chevrolet I over E 39426
Take 21 (Orange) car from P.S. Terminal
to High St. and walk right.

The notebook also contained the notation "JACK joined SP
1916. Classmate J. LOVESTONE, CCNY".

Notebook contained the following notation "Other flat occupied
by ROBERT R. GAFF and MILDRED O. GAFF. GAFF is a foreman at Sheffield Farms
Co., Inc., 21 E. Essex Ave., Orange".

This notebook contained other notations which are not believed
to be of importance.

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LEADS

Will question BLACK concerning the above mentioned individuals.

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BLACK's EXPLANATION

The information in this notebook was secured by BLACK about JACK WEBER and his wife, SARAH, prominent SWP members in Newark. The securing of this information was an assignment from PETERSEN and the information was reported to PETERSEN.

Some of it was secured from WEBER himself and the address was secured by checking WEBER's automobile registration, and the balance from the telephone directory. BLACK had previously said that, after receiving this assignment, the only information he secured and reported to PETERSEN was WEBER's correct name. He also said that when he reported this to PETERSEN, PETERSEN was angry and said he already knew it.

Upon seeing the notebook, BLACK admitted that he had reported all of the information in the book but claimed that it took him so long to get it that when he did report PETERSEN was disgusted and said he already had the information.

This assignment was handled by BLACK about six months after he joined the Socialist Party, which would place it in 1937.

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DESCRIPTION

A sheet of white paper, 4 x 6", bearing the following
writing:

"Coprophagist equine ischia".

This is followed by telephone number BI 8-1625 and the
name RONDELLI, 793 High St., followed by the initials "W.E.M."

LEADS

Ascertain from BLACK nature of above writing, identity
of subscriber to listed telephone, identity of RONDELLI
and identity of initials WEM.

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BLACK's EXPLANATION

This is a reference to a form of perversion.

The name RONDELLI, 793 High Street, and the telephone number BI 8-1625 had no significance to BLACK.

The initials "W.E.M." are those of WILLIAM E. MC GARRY, a fellow employee of BLACK's at Nopco. The writing is believed by BLACK to be MC GARRY's.

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DESCRIPTION

Drill manual of the Anti-Fascist Labor Guard, issued to all members of AFLG and all organized reserve by order of the Counsel, BOB STILER, Organizer and HARRY MILTON, Commander. The manual consists of 13 pages and was issued in June, 1939. It pertains to Close Order Drill, individual and technical training and combat drill.

LEAD

BLACK should be questioned regarding all available information pertaining to the anti-Fascist Labor Guard and his connections with this organization.

He should also identify the above named officers, BOB STILER and HARRY MILTON.

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BLACK's EXPLANATION

The Drill Manual of the Anti-Fascist Labor Guard was exhibited to BLACK on June 28, 1950. He stated that he had received this from the Union Defense Guard and this was issued to all members of the Union Defense Guard. The Authors of the Manual, BOB STILER and HARRY MILTON, were not known to the subject. He stated that while the Manual pertained to close order drill, individual and technical training, and combat drill, the Newark organization never engaged in anything other than wrestling or jiu-jitsu one or two nights a week.

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TO : SAC

FROM : WILLIAM H. MAYLOR, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was;
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STEEL BOX IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

A notebook, $4 \frac{5}{8} \times 2 \frac{3}{4}$ ", containing perforated pages
dividing the page into four equal parts. The following names were contained
thereon:

DORA GELFAND
784 S. 16th St.
Dist 13 c
Blk 2635 Lot 30
37.6 x 100
Land 1,500
Imp. 10,400
11,900

HERMAN R. GELFAND
Architect
Telephone Es 2-3572

ABRAHAM L. FRIEDMAN
Lawyer
Telephone ES 2-7435

KATHERINE E. SREBNICK
Interior Decorator
Telephone ES 2-2208
(SARAH WEBER)

JACK) JACOBS
MAX) WEBER
Chem Eng.

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Socialist Party of Essex County
1085 Broad St.
Telephone MI 2-8965

46 W. Kinney St.

See NICHOLS E. RUTHERFORD

G. HOLLEY
G. SCYTHES
University of Toronto

Moscow Trials
JAMES BURNHAM NYU
MAURICE SPECTOR

MARTIN AHERN
Chairman

IRVING (?) ROSENBERG
136 Hawthorne Ave.
Telephone BI 3-2355
"Cliffs"

Reorganization SP
BECKER
ALEXANDER
ROSENKRANTZ

LEADS

Will obtain from BLACK detailed information
concerning his knowledge of the persons and
addresses mentioned above.

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June 20, 1950

DORA GELFAND, 784 S. 16th Street

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains no listing to DORA GELFAND.

The files of this office contain no information on this person.

HELMAN B. GELFAND, Architect, telephone ES 2-3572

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains no listing to a person of this name, and indicates no exchange ES 2 in Philadelphia.

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The notebook mentioned above, under description, was exhibited to BLACK, on June 28, 1950. He furnished the following information pertaining to the items mentioned herein:

DORA GELFAND

BLACK stated that DORA GELFAND was an individual whose name was given to him by PAUL PETERSEN. PETERSEN instructed him to ascertain if she was a member of the SWP. BLACK found that she was not a member of the SWP but that she had contributed sums of money to the SWP. PETERSEN had also requested BLACK to ascertain if DORA GELFAND owned any property. The notation regarding property therein pertains to the results of his investigation. BLACK stated that he reported this information back to PETERSEN.

HERMAN B. GELFAND

BLACK stated that this individual was undoubtedly the husband of DORA GELFAND, mentioned above.

ABRAHAM L. FRIEDMAN

This individual's name was given to BLACK by PETERSEN and he was told to ascertain if he were a member of the SWP. BLACK learned that FRIEDMAN was never a member of the SWP but may have contributed financially to the organization.

KATHERINE E. SREBNICK

This individual was another person on whom BLACK was requested to report by PETERSEN. It was indicated to him that she was a friend of SARA WEBER, a big SWP functionary. BLACK could recall no other information at the present time regarding this individual.

JACK) JACOBS
MAX) WEBER

BLACK admitted that he had been instructed by PETERSEN to ascertain the identity of JACK WEBER, who was a leading SWP functionary and alleged to be close to TROTSKY. This was a specific assignment of BLACK in the SWP.

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NICHOLS, E. Rutherford, N. J.

BLACK stated that he had been told by PETERSEN to go to East Rutherford, N. J., and there locate a man by the name of NICHOLS who was a Metallurgist and a Microscopist. BLACK was told by PETERSEN that this man was formerly a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and that he had formerly turned over information to the Soviets of value. He was described as being an important technical contact of the Russians. BLACK was instructed to locate this man to develop his friendship due to their mutual interest in microscopes and to ascertain if he was willing to renew his cooperation with the Soviets. BLACK had no additional identifying data and stated that he never contacted, or made an effort to locate, NICHOLS. This man is reported to have lived in East Rutherford in 1935. BLACK told PETERSEN that he could not locate him.

GEORGE HOLLEY
GEORGE SCYTHES

This individual, BLACK said, was a graduate of the University of Toronto and a SWP member. He was the Chief Chemist at the Ballantine Brewery in Newark. HOLLEY was the Party name of SCYTHES. In early 1940 SCYTHES returned to Canada and secured an immigration visa, returned to Newark and is now a naturalized United States Citizen. BLACK last saw SCYTHES in 1945 at which time, so far as BLACK knows, SCYTHES was still a SWP member. SCYTHES he described as being a student of MAURICE SPECTOR, formerly a leader of the Communist Party in Canada and expelled from the Communist Party. Being a student of SPECTOR, SCYTHES, when both SPECTOR and SCYTHES were in the SWP, joined the Communist Party on the request of SPECTOR and acted as a SWP informant within the Communist Party. SCYTHES told BLACK about this. However, BLACK never told SCYTHES that he was a Communist Informant in the SWP. SCYTHES and BLACK developed a close friendship due to their mutual interest in chemistry.

JAMES BURNHAM
MAURICE SPECTOR
MARTIN AHERN

BLACK stated that on one occasion he attended a debate between JAMES BURNHAM and MAURICE SPECTOR at which MARTIN AHERN was Chairman.

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IRVING ROSENBERG

BLACK stated that ROSENBERG was the member of the SWP who recruited him into the SWP. ROSENBERG was employed at Cliff's Shoe Store.

REORGANIZATION OF SOCIALIST PARTY

BLACK stated that the names BECKER, ALEXANDER, ROSENKRANTZ, who were mentioned under the reorganization of the SP, were individuals who were not deemed by the TROTSKYITES as being friendly to their faction.

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TO : SAC

FROM : WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was;
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DESCRIPTION

A three page letter dated May 19, 1939, from one CARLOS HUDSON to GEORGE BREITMAN, Workers Education Center, 252 Market St., Newark, N.J., pertaining to forming Union Defense Guards, apparently for work in riots.

The letter pertains to training in small rifles and side-arms and establishing ranges for special training. The gist of the letter is contained in statements to the effect if the Intelligence Department is not napping, Fascist meetings should be ferreted out, cased and plans laid to take such meetings when the organization is strong enough and prepared to break them up.

This letter has been copied on the photo record and copies will be available to furnish the Bureau or interested offices.

LEADS

Will question BLACK regarding the identity of CARLOS HUDSON, GEORGE BREITMAN and the extent of BLACK's knowledge regarding the formation of the Union Defense Guard.

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BLACK's EXPLANATION

The aforementioned letter from CARLOS HUDSON to GEORGE BREITMAN was exhibited to BLACK on June 28, 1950. He stated that he does not know the identity of CARLOS HUDSON and that GEORGE BREITMAN, at that time, was the organizer of the Socialist Workers Party in Newark, N. J. He stated that this letter was probably left in his apartment at that time by BREITMAN, since BREITMAN spent a considerable amount of time in his apartment when he was in disagreement with his family.

The letter discusses a Union Defense Guard which was set up as a part of the Socialist Workers Party. Unsuccessful attempts were made by BREITMAN to set one up in Newark but they did succeed in having some members join the Union Defense Guard Company of the Party Headquarters one or two nights per week for Judo practice. An instructor was sent there from New York City. By late Fall of 1939, the Union Defense Guard of the SWP at Newark had died a natural death.

No Firearms Training was given by the UDG in Newark and the outfit did not possess firearms. According to BLACK, this UDG was a brain-child of FARRELL DOBBS. DOBBS met some opposition in the SWP in organizing the UDG. Originally the plans were to have UDG Unions throughout the entire country. The extent and amount of success in the various local unions was not known by the subject.

BLACK was the Secretary of the Newark Branch of the UDG but was unable to take part in any of the physical training due to the fact that he was recuperating from the explosion at his place of employment.

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DESCRIPTION

A red membership Socialist Workers Party card, 2 3/4 x 5",
containing the name THOMAS L. BLACK, 17 Oxford St., Newark, N.J. It was
reflected that BLACK was admitted on January 27, 1937, State - New Jersey,
Essex County; Branch - Central. The card was signed by CLARA HANDELMAN,
Secretary. It was indicated that he paid dues in February, March,
April and May.

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TO : SAC

DATE: July 3, 1950

FROM : WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was
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EXPLANATION

The Socialist Party membership card mentioned in the memorandum was exhibited to THOMAS L. BLACK on June 30, 1950, by SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR. BLACK admitted that this was his Socialist Party membership card. He stated that the dues stamps indicated that he had paid his dues through May of 1937. He stated that the dues collection in the Socialist Party at that time was very lax; that he may have paid his dues for a longer period and not have received dues stamps in return, or he may not have paid his dues and was still carried on the membership.

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TO : SAC
FROM : WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, SA
SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was.
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DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM
SEARCH OF VAN POSNAK FIREPROOF STORAGE
WAREHOUSE, 92 HOWARD ST., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY,
ON JUNE 17, 1950, BY SAS TROY COLEMAN AND EUGENE
C. JONES AND PERTAINS TO MATERIAL IN GREEN STEEL
BOX IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

4 x 6" white card, headed "notebook". This card bears
the following notations:

1. Concentrations of Peptone & Gl
2. Tests on germicides
3. Phenol Coefficients
4. Counts in control book
5. See Doc about Blank Rept.
6. Order apparatus
7. Write up phenol coeffs.
8. Write up yeast work
9. Heller Underground stuff
10. See Andrews Saturday
11. NOPCO DLN - HENRY and DOC, SILVERSTEIN, also
cleaning fluid
12. Column - Soilless growth
13. HARRY - Bio assays
fascinating faker in photography

LEADS

BLACK should be questioned regarding the above items,
specifically as to the identity of ANDREWS, HENRY,
DOC SILVERSTEIN, HARRY, and the notation, "HELLER -
Underground Stuff".

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BLACK's EXPLANATION

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The notation, numbered 9, "Heller Underground stuff", BLACK described as a wise crack but he believes that it refers to a plan formed by HELLER and him to secure the processes of the American Chemical Paint Company, possibly to turn over to the Soviets and certainly to use in a business BLACK and HELLER hoped to set up together. BLACK has claimed that these processes were never furnished the Soviets. The original cards containing notes made by HELLER are now in his possession and the copies typed by VERA KANE are, to the best of BLACK's knowledge, being kept by her in a safe deposit box.

Number 10 -- ANDREWS was the Manager of the Prudential Apartments in Newark where BLACK lived and he presumes that he was to have soon ANDREWS regarding the pets which he kept in his apartment, or some other complaint.

The reference to "NOPCO DLN" and to "HENRY" and "DOC" recalled nothing to BLACK. The reference to SILVERSTEIN and cleaning fluid meant that he was to get a sample of Nopco Cleaning Fluid for his Dentist, Dr. SILVERSTEIN.

"Soilless growth" is a reference to Biology in which BLACK was interested, and which was new at the time.

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June 19, 1950

WILLIAM H. HAYLOR, SA

THOMAS L. BLACK, was;
ESPIONAGE - R

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SEARCH OF VAN POSNER FIREPROOF STORAGE
WAREHOUSE, 92 HOWARD ST., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
ON JUNE 17, 1950, BY SAs TROY COLEMAN AND EUGENE
C. JOHNS AND PERTAINS TO MATERIAL IN GREEN
STEEL BOX IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

A 3 x 5 card bearing the following message:

"July 23, 1940

"Dear Friend:

"Will you be so obliging as to inform HOLLEY today
that the meeting of our club will be at ANDREWS'
home, 132 Warren St. at 8:00 P.M. , this Thursday,
July 25th. A new EC is to be elected. Tell him
to be present please and prompt. Inform your
roommate, too.

Cheerio,
LAURIE"

LEAD

Will question BLACK regarding nature of meeting
and the identity of HOLLEY, ANDREWS, 132 Warren
St., and LAURIE.

The identity of the roommate should also be
ascertained.

BLACK's relationship with these individuals should
be developed.

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BLACK's EXPLANATION

Explanation to SA's WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., and ROBERT W. HOLDERS, June 29, 1950:

A notice of a meeting of the Newark Branch of the Socialist Workers' Party. Names mentioned were identified as follows:

HOLLEY was the Party name of GEORGE SCYTHES, a Canadian, who BLACK has previously identified as a former Communist Party member and a Chemist in a plant in the Newark area.

ANDREWS is the Party name of a SWP member whose real name BLACK could neither recall nor identify from examining other available SWP material. His address is, however, given.

The sentence regarding the election of a "new EC" refers to Executive Committee.

The reference to "your roommate" is to CHARLES M. FREEFIELD, a SWP member who had lived at BLACK's apartment, 17 Oxford Street, Newark, since BLACK's discharge from the hospital. He could not recall the identity of LAURIE who signed the note.

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TO : SAC

FROM : WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was;
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

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SEARCH OF VAN POSNAK FIREPROOF STORAGE
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TO : SAC

FROM : WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was;
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 13, 1950

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SEARCH OF VAN FOSMAK FIREPROOF STORAGE
WAREHOUSE, 92 HOWARD ST., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
ON JUNE 17, 1950, BY SAs TROY COLLEMAN AND EUGENE
C. JONES AND PERTAINS TO MATERIAL IN GREEN
STEEL BOX IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

A statement from Dr. BENJAMIN D. SILVERSTEIN and Dr. WILLIAM
H. SILVERSTEIN, Dentists, 815 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N.J., directed to
TOM BLACK, 17 Oxford St., Newark.

This statement shows the following information:

"June 19 '40

Twenty five - \$25", followed by initials "WHS"

LEAD

BLACK should be questioned regarding the nature
of this statement and the identity and activities
of the above doctors.

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BLACK's EXPLANATION

Explanation to SA's WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., and ROBERT
W. HOLMES, June 29, 1950:

This is a bill for dental services and has no other
significance.

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TO : SAC

DATE: June 18, 1950

FROM : WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was;
ESPIONAGE - R

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SEARCH OF VAN LOSHAKE FIREPROOF STORAGE
WAREHOUSE, 92 HOWARD ST., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
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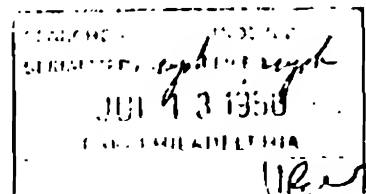
DESCRIPTION

A Kodachrome advertisement consisting of a single sheet, approximately 3 x 6, published by Eastman Kodak, Rochester, N.Y. One side of this sheet there is written in ink "Paper prints 6½ x 8½ \$10.00 & \$2.50 plus postage". On the other side there is written in ink, "Film Processing Service, G. F. HELBERG".

LEADS

BLACK should be questioned regarding the identity of G. F. HELBERG and the extent of their associations.

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BLACK's EXPLANATION

Explanation to SA's WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., and ROBERT W. HOLMES, June 29, 1950:

This advertisement was a purely personal note resulting from BLACK's continuing interest in photography and photographic equipment which he said he had for years.

The notation regarding "Paper prints, etc." was a memorandum regarding price, and the notation "Film Processing Service, G. F. HELBERG" he believed to be a notation made by him of the name of an employee at a photographic supply store. He said this item had no connection with his espionage activities.

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TO : SAC

FROM : WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, SA

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was;
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DATE: June 18, 1950

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SEARCH OF VAN POGNAK PIPEFITTER STORAGE
WAREHOUSE, 92 HOWARD ST., NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
ON JUNE 17, 1950, BY SAs TROY COLEMAN AND EUGENE
C. JONES AND PERTAINS TO MATERIAL IN GREEN
STEEL BOX IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

Numerous pieces of unbleached paper, approximately 2½ x 5"
each of which bears a name and address, as follows:

DeWITTE WYCKOFF
Eastview Ave.
Leonia, N.J. Ex 119

Mr. ITALO BOLES
1484 Bergen Blvd.
Leonia, N.J.

MARIA HALLER
152 Crescent
Leonia, N.J. ex 58

CHARLOTTE V. MAUPIN
346 Sylvan Ave.
Leonia, N.J. ex 108

ROBERT ALEXANDER
Gladwyn Ave.
Leonia, N.J. Ex 117
This slip also bears a pencilled notation "Clarity"

Mrs. J. A. APPLEQUIST
160 Highwood Ave
Leonia, N.J. ex 119

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RUTH GERNSHEIMER
115 Overlook Ave.
Leonia, N.J. ex 117

DORIS SMITH
Highwood Ave.
Leonia, N.J. ex 119

Miss G. WASSON
250 Broad Ave.
Leonia, N.J. ex 106
(This slip also has pen printing LEONIA CALLITES)

J. LINDSEY VAN NEST
127 Brunswick Ave.
Trenton, N.J.

CHARLES COMMINI
1321 S. Clinton Ave.
Trenton, N.J. ex 129

(This slip bears pencilled notation "nobody home" and
ink printing "to be contacted again, 11-9-37").

LEAD

BLACK should be questioned as to the identity
of the above individuals and why this material
was in his possession.

It should be determined whether these individuals
are members of some organization, subscribers to
publications, etc.

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BLACK's EXPLANATION

Explanation to SA's WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., and ROBERT W. HOLMES, June 29, 1950:

These pieces of paper were from the wrappers of a Socialist Party publication "The Call". BLACK recalled this because the slip bearing the name "Miss G. WASSON, etc." had on it the printed notation "LEONIA CALLITES". This was not in BLACK's writing. One Sunday, LOUIS BELL drove BLACK and some other Trotskyite Socialist Party members to Leonia and Trenton where they visited these subscribers to the Party paper to recruit them as members, or to solicit funds. This was recalled by the penciled notation "nobody home" on the slip bearing the name CHARLES COMINI which BLACK said was in his handwriting.

He was unable to account for the letters and numbers appearing on each slip; e.g., "ex 119". He believed it to be a notation regarding the expiration of the subscription but could not tell whether, for example, "ex 119" meant that the subscription expired January 19th or November 9th.

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TO : SAC
FROM : WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, SA
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ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

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C. JONES AND PERTAINS TO MATERIAL IN GREEN
STEEL BOX IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

An 8½ x 11" sheet of white paper, which is a charter
from the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ATHEISTS, INC., NEW
YORK CITY, bearing a corporate seal dated 1925. This charter reads as
follows:

"Know all men by these presents that

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C H A R T E R

is hereby granted

- Tasso L. Black, Ferdinand P. Heller, and their associates,
and successors, as the State College, Pennsylvania,
branch of the
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ATHEISM, INC.,
to be known as
THE LIBERAL CLUB.

In witness whereof I hereunto affix my hand and the seal of
the Association this eighth day of October, 1928, at
the National Headquarters in the City of New York.

SEAL

/s/ CHARLES SMITH
President"

LEADS

Will, in conjunction with the lead set forth in the memo
referring to BLACK's biographical sketch, question BLACK
in detail regarding his and FERDINAND HELLER's activities in
the formation of the Liberal Club and their dealings with the
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ATHEISM, INC.

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BLACK's EXPLANATION

Explanation to SA's WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., and ROBERT W. HOLMES, June 29, 1950:

This is the original charter issued to BLACK and HELLER authorizing them to conduct the Liberal Club at Penn State College while they were undergraduates. This club consisted of about 10 members and BLACK recalled the following names besides HELLER's and his:

CARL J. DAUER

JACK RUTH

DUKE KAMINSKY

BLACK also said that after he left Penn State the club continued to prosper for a year or so, chiefly through the efforts of one DONALD LEE, later an Instructor in English at Penn State College, who, according to BLACK, had a talent for organization. Through the efforts of LEE, NORMAN THOMAS, prominent Socialist Party member, came to State College and spoke before the Liberal Club.

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TO : SAC

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ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

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C. JONES AND PERTAINS TO MATERIAL IN GREEN
STEEL BOX IDENTIFIED AS ITEM #3, LOT 773

DESCRIPTION

One 8½ x 11 sheet of white paper, with the following
information thereon:

"Appeal Meeting (Aug. 4)

Resolutions of plenum were read and unanimously
adopted. It was voted to tax each member of group
one day's pay to raise money for publication of
'Socialist Appeal'. The first issue will appear
in a few days. Thirty nine members at meeting -
mostly Y.P.S.L'S.

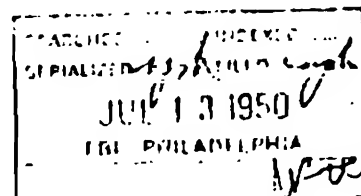
Appeal Meeting (Aug. 11)

Meeting devoted entirely to discussion on Spain.
24 present."

LEAD

BLACK should be interrogated regarding above appeal
meetings and what part he took in meetings regarding the
Socialist Appeal.

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BLACK's EXPLANATION

Explanation to SA's WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR., and ROBERT W. HOLMES, June 29, 1950.

This note refers to two meetings on August 4th and 11th, 1937, regarding a meeting of the Trotskyite faction of the Socialist Party in Newark. The note is in BLACK's handwriting because he was secretary to the Trotskyite faction. Each faction maintained its own records. Information regarding these meetings was not reported to PETERGEN.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ALLAN M. OFFEN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. PLACK;
ESPIONAGE - R.

DATE: 6/20/50

Analysis of items obtained and identified by SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN as a result of a search of the desk of THOMAS L. PLACK located at the C. W. Berg Laboratories, 1827 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on June 16, 1950.

DESCRIPTION:ITEM I

Seven sheets of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ X 11 inch graph paper, two sheets of which are apparently devoted to a topic entitled, "Sulfonation of Methyl Naphthalene."

ITEM II

Two 8 X 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch mimeographed sheets, one of which is captioned, "The Sharples Solvents Corporation, Sulfonation Procedure for Refined Mixed Amyl Naphthalenes."

LEADS:

Will give consideration to the advisability of submitting the items described in this memo to the FBI Laboratory for evaluation in the light of their being pertinent to the national defense.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that he had been performing experiments on the sulfonation of methyl naphthalene for BERG and that the article as well as the notes deal with some of his experiments in this field.

NBW:mtp
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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ALLAN W. OPPEN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 6/20/50

ANALYSIS OF ITEMS OBTAINED AND IDENTIFIED BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN AS A RESULT OF A SEARCH OF THE DESK OF THOMAS L. BLACK LOCATED AT G. W. BERG LABORATORIES, 1827 NORTH 5th STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA. ON JUNE 16, 1950

1. One sheet of white paper approximately 14x8 on which appears the following data:

WO 2-5745
J. D. STEIN
Iron \$2,000
Stainless \$4,500
(\$14,000 new)

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It is noted that a surveillance of subject BLACK on June 15, 1950 reflected that BLACK called at the South Broad Cleaners and Tailors, 308 South Broad Street, Philadelphia. It is further noted that the phone listing of the South Broad Tailors and Cleaners is identical with the phone listing of J. H. STEIN, who may be identical with JACK HAROLD STEIN (Phile. File 100-32285).

LEAD

Will determine the individual to whom telephone No. WO-2-5745 is issued and will also determine the relation of J. D. STEIN to subject BLACK.

AWO/jmf
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65-4332-471 Date [unclear]

BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

The J. D. STEIN mentioned herein is a dealer in chemical equipment
and the prices herein refer to quotations for a stainless steel mixing kettle.
The telephone number is that of STEIN.

This STEIN has no connection with the STEIN who is in the dry cleaning
business on South Broad Street.

WBW:mtp
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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ALLEN W. OPPEN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 20, 1950

ANALYSIS OF ITEM'S OBTAINED AND IDENTIFIED BY SA ELWOOD A. PETT AS A RESULT OF A SEARCH OF THE FILE CABINET AND TOP OF THE DESK OF THOMAS L. BLACK AT THE C. W. BERG LABORATORIES AT 1827 NORTH 5th STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA. ON JUNE 16, 1950

1. One white slip of paper approximately $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ upon which appears the following data:

BLACK List

Dr. F. A. ROBINSON *R*
92 Fairmount Avenue
Chatham, N.J.

LFO J. MOSCH *16*
11 Vermont Avenue
Nwk.

KAPP
321 Mount Prospect Avenue

LEAD

Will give consideration to requesting the Newark Division to ascertain the identity of ROBINSON and MOSCH and to determine their connection with the subject of this case.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

This slip of paper BLACK identified as being BLACK's black list. It refers to EDWIN ALVIN ROBINSON, LEO J. MOSCH, and ROLAND KAPP, all of whom are employees of NOPCO. BLACK stated that he has a dislike for all three and they likewise have a mutual dislike for him. BLACK stated that he and MOSCH had trouble at NOPCO arising over BLACK's custody of the 35 mm. contax camera. BLACK refused, upon instructions of his superiors, to lend the camera to MOSCH to use for personal business on weekends. BLACK claims that MOSCH retaliated by stealing one of his notebooks used by him at NOPCO.

ROBINSON was his superior at NOPCO and he worked closely with ROLAND KAPP.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK WAS.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BENS
LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

A cardboard folder on the surface of which in columnized
form appears the following:

Ambler 0891 ~~WA~~ CP
0486 Drew H U 5-7930
(Mr. Parrott?) Dow
Mr. Seel
U. S. Stoneware
(Mr. Stoner)
Foster D. Snell
Main 4-4153
Don Graf's data sheets - -
Reinhold
W. I. Dziedgiec?
283 Chestnut
2 E Nutley

In faint pencil the names JACQUES WOLF, CHARLES HAZELIGNS followed
by Jenkintown also appears.

This item also contains two sheets of graft paper containing
technical notes, the significance of which is unknown, and
two white sheets of paper which apparently describe "Sulfonation
procedure for refined mixed amyl. naphthalenes."

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning the identity of the names
and the references to the listed telephone numbers and any
possible significance developed. He should also be questioned
concerning the items contained in this manila folder to
determine whether or not it is material to the case.

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Ambler 0821 Via CF
0436 Wm. V. 5-7230
(Mr. Barnett?)
Mr. Seal
U. S. Stenware
(Mr. Stenwer)
Foster D. Snell
Main 4-4153
Don Gref's data sheets - -
Kainhold
F. I. Dziedgic?
283 Chestnut
2 E. Rutley

The files of this office contain no information on any of the telephone numbers listed above.

The files of this office contain no record on MR. BARNETT, U. S. Stenware, FOSTER D. SNELL, Don Gref's Data Sheets, Kainhold.

The files of this office contain numerous records on persons named SNELL and STENWER. If further identifying information is contained on these persons, it is suggested these names be rechecked through the office indices.

F. I. DZIEDGIC is probably identical with FRANK DZIEDGIC, 176 High Street, Rutley, New Jersey, who was previously mentioned in this memo. The files of this office contain no information on this person.

JACQUES WOLF, CHARLES HAZELTONS, Jenkins

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains a listing to JACQUES WOLF and CHARLES HAZELTONS, Broad Building, Philadelphia.

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory and the 1942 Suburban Philadelphia telephone directory contain no listing to any person named CHARLES HAZELTONS.

The files of this office contain no information on JACQUES WOLF and CHARLES HAZELTONS.

HR:mad
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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs ROBERT W. HOLMES and WILLIAM B. WELTE, JR. on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that telephone number Ambler 0891 is the telephone number of JOSEPH LEAPER.

ACP 0486 is the old telephone number of the American Chemical Paint Company.

The notation DREW refers to E. F. DREW & Company.

MU 5-7930 with the notation Parrott refers to the Mr. PARROTT of their office.

Dow refers to the Dow Chemical Co. and Mr. SEEL is their salesman.

The next notation refers to the U. S. Stoneware Company and Mr. STONER is their salesman.

FOSTER D. SNELL, MA 4-4153 is a consulting chemist in New York City.

The DON GRAF's data sheets are published by the Reinhold Publishing Company.

The last notation refers to FRANK I. DZIEDZIC. His address was 283 Chestnut Street, Nutley, N. J.

The JACQUES WOLF, Inc., is a manufacturer of textile specialties and the CHARLES HAZELGANS is the Philadelphia representative of this company, who resides in Jenkintown, Pa. BLACK was to contact this HAZELGANS on behalf of his association with the Spruce Chemical Company, to determine if this company were producing anything which they could use and handle in their operation of the Spruce Chemical Co. for Teph, Inc.

WBW:mtp
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA ELWOOD A. PETT (A)

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ACQUISITION OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES L. P. RO
LABORATORY, 1327 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WER. IN THE CUSTODY
OF THO AS L. BLACK, BY SA ELWOOD A. PETT ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Business card of Acheson Colloids Corporation, Port Huron,
Michigan. The name on the card is E. M. DOUGHERTY, Service
Engineer, Land Title Building, Philadelphia, 10, Pa.
Phone Locust 7113.

SUGGESTED LEAD

The Philadelphia Office indices should be checked regarding
DOUGHERTY. BLACK should be interviewed regarding the
information on this card. If pertinent, DOUGHERTY should
be interviewed regarding BLACK.

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M. E. DOUGHERTY, Service Engineer, Acheson Colloids Corporation,
Port Huron, Michigan
Land Title Building, Philadelphia, 10
Locust 7113

The references on MORRIS E. DOUGHERTY have been reviewed previously in connection with the GOLD case, and are listed on Page 1 of this memorandum.

EDP:amd
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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAa R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

MORRELL E. DOUGHERTY has previously been identified in these cases.

WEN:mtp
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES L. BURG
MISCELLANEOUS, 1127 N. 5th STREET, NEW YORK CITY, THE
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

A book entitled Organic Syntheses Collective Volume 1 by
GILMAN published 1932 JOHN WILEY and Sons, Inc. The inside
cover contains the bookplate of FERDINAND P. HELLER. The
top first page also contains what appears to be the following
name:

CHARLES H. STIERER?
under which appears the name FLORI.

There does not appear to be any further significance to the book.

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning the manner of his
obtaining this book and the purpose for which it was obtained.
He should also be questioned concerning the identity of the
individual or individuals whose names appear on the first page.

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June 21, 1950

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CHARLES H. STIMLER - FLOH

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains no listing to persons of these names.

The files of this office contain no information on persons of these names.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that this book was given to him by FRED HELLER and the name STILLER appearing in the book is probably that of a former owner and has no meaning to BLACK. It is not in his handwriting. BLACK advised that this book is a standard text in the field of chemistry.

WBW:ntp
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BERG LABORATORIES, 1327 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

A 5" x 8" white paper containing the initials J.M.F.L., F. O. Box 123, Spring House, Pa.

SUGGESTED LEAD

The identity of the owner of F. O. Box 123, Spring House, Pa. should be ascertained and BLACK interviewed concerning his association with the owner, as well as the significance of the four letters.

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June 20, 1950

J.M.F.L., Post Office Box 123, Spring House, Pa.

Spring House, Pa. is covered by the Ambler telephone exchange. As the 1949 Suburban Philadelphia telephone directory contains twenty pages of names beginning with the letter "L", it was not deemed desirable to attempt to identify this person further by checking all the telephone listings to Ambler under the letter "L".

ESP:md

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

This slip of paper refers to JOSEPH M. F. LEAPER, a salesman for
the American Chemical Paint Company, Ambler, Pa. This man has been previously
identified.

WBM:mtg
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 13, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES E. BUNG
LABORATORIES, 1327 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Small white paper containing the following: ARMOUR AND CO.,
120 Broadway, NY 5, ERVIN SEGEBRECHT

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed regarding his association with this
individual and the NYO should be requested to check their
indices.

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June 21, 1950

ERVIN SINGERSON, Armour & Company, 120 Broadway, New York 5

The files of this office contain no information on this person.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. FELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that this card referred to the Chemical Division
of Armour & Company in New York and that ERVIN SAGEBRECHT was a salesman
for the Chemical Division of that company.

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SAC

June 18, 1950

SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

INITIAL REVIEW OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CLARENCE E. WOOD
LABORER, 1027 E. 5th STREET, NEW YORK CITY, IN CONNECTION
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

A business card of the PINE CANNINGS, INC., with the name
ERNEST SIGELSMANN, Technical Director, 211 E. 19th St.,
NY, telephone Gramercy 5-1030.

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning his association with
this individual and the organization. The NYO should be
requested to check their indices against the organization
and the individual.

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June 21, 1950

ERNEST SIDDESBAUM, Technical Director, Fine Organics, Inc.
211 E. 19th Street, New York City

This person appears in Serial 65-4332-88, which is the
BLACK file.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

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LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Yellow card containing the following notation - FILTROL, 50 lb.
from So. Jersey warehouse, telephone CA 4-0928.

Pencil notes also reflect a Mr. WILSON, apparently connected
with the W.V.P.F. Co., telephone LO 3-0427. The word,
DARCO-LETIER also appears. What appears to be the word,
HIFLOW SUPERCCEL-J-M. CORP. RI 6-7850 - Mr. BUCKLEY, is also
contained on this card. The balance of the writing does
not appear to be material.

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning his association with
the above individuals and organizations. The subscribers
to the telephone numbers should also be ascertained and the
names checked through our indices.

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MR. WILSON, W.V.P. COMPANY, Locust 3-0427, DEBOO-BATT 1, Philadelphia

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains a listing to Industrial Chemical Sales Division, West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, Lockport Building, telephone number Locust 3-0427.

The files of this office contain no derogatory information on this company.

As there are numerous references to persons named WILSON in the office indices, it is suggested that additional identifying data be obtained on this person and this name rechecked through the office indices.

The files of this office contain no information on DEBOO-BATT 1.

HEELO SUPPLY CO. - J.W. CORPORATION, RI 6-7850 - W. HUGHES, Philadelphia

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains a listing to John Hauville Company, Broad Street Station Building, Rittenhouse 6-7850.

The files of this office contain no derogatory information on this corporation.

As there are numerous references to persons named HUGHES in the office indices, it is suggested that additional identifying data be obtained on this person and this name rechecked through the office indices.

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6-1012

BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that the notations appearing on this yellow card are all names of industrial chemicals and their sources. The chemicals listed on here are all termed clarifying agents or absorbents. This is in connection with his work at the C. W. BERG Laboratories.

WBW:mtp
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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES E. BERG LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950.

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

A pamphlet entitled "Mothproofing." This pamphlet contains the telephone number WA 2-2022. The pamphlet itself does not appear to be material.

SUGGESTED LEAD

The identity of the subscriber to the telephone number should be ascertained, the name searched through indices, and BLACK interviewed regarding the significance of the phone number.

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June 20, 1950

NOTHING - Pamphlet Telephone number WA 2-2022

The telephone number index contains no listing for this number.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR. on July 12, 1950:

The telephone number WA 2-2022 was formerly the telephone number of the Philadelphia Book Co. It has recently been changed.

WBW:mtp
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TO :

SAC

DATE: June 18, 1950

FROM :

SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT:

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INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BERG LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

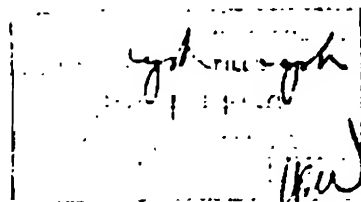
5" x 8" white sheet of paper containing the name A. ABRA ORLINGER, 6655 McCallum Street, Philadelphia, 19, Pa., telephone Tennessee 9-1547.

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning his association with ORLINGER and it should be determined whether or not the phone number is that of ORLINGER. According to Mr. ALKUS, employed at the BERG LABORATORIES, ORLINGER was thought to be a patent attorney with whom BLACK has had dealings.

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A. ABEA OBLINGER, 4655 McCallum Street, Philadelphia 12, Pa.
Tennessee 2-1547

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains a listing to an A. ABEA OBLINGER at the above address with above telephone number, and in addition, indicates, Attorney, 29 Pine Street, New York City, Whitchall 3-0127.

The 1950 Martindale Hubbell Law Directory indicates A. ABEA OBLINGER to be a New York lawyer who was born in 1893, and who is licensed to practice before the United States Patent Office.

The files of this office contain the following information on this person:

15977-36 This serial is a memo dated May 31, 1949 in the case titled, *b7c*
"HARVEST CLAIR VAN LER, was., [REDACTED] which states that on May 23, 1949, Mrs. [REDACTED], 213 Carl Mackley Apartments, "E" and Bristol Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., advised SA [REDACTED] that "HARVEST CLAIR VAN LER was at that time employed by A. A. OBLINGER, 4655 McCallum Street, and that her duties consisted of writing formulas and prescriptions of chemicals and drugs, sent by her employer to overseas countries, some of which the informant believed to be satellite nations.

EDH:amd
65-4322

BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that A. ABRA ORLINGER is a Patent Attorney. BLACK had been performing experiments for C. W. BERG and at one time BERG considered having the process patented. BERG's attorney is a LEON MELTZER and MELTZER referred them to ORLINGER, a Patent Attorney. The particular process was never patented.

WBM:mtp
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

DATE: June 13, 1950

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BERG LABORATORIES, 1327 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

5" x 8" white paper containing what appears to be telephone number TR 7-3400 and the address 4200 Girard Avenue. The balance of the pencil notes do not appear to be material.

SUGGESTED LEAD

The identity of the subscriber should be ascertained and BLACK questioned concerning the phone number, the subscriber and the address.

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June 20, 1950

TR 7-3400, 4200 Girard Avenue

The Cross Reference Telephone Directory lists the following persons as residents of 4200 Girard Avenue:

MURRY GELMANICH, 2nd floor
JULIUS KAZAN, 3rd floor
PAUL SPIRO, 3rd floor
ANN STRAUSS, 2nd floor

The files of this office contain the following information on a J. KAZAN, 4200 West Girard Avenue:

100-2-33456 On February 4, 1944, as a result of a trash cover on the residence of ROBERT COHEN, 1722 Pine Street, maintained through the cooperation of the 25th and Moore Streets trash collection depot, SA HERBERT J. SMYTH obtained a "Sunday Worker" subscription card bearing the following information:

J. KAZAN
4200 W. Girard
Apartment F-3

Paid \$1.00 for a twenty-week subscription to the "Sunday Worker" which subscription was to begin Sunday, April 5.

This card indicated that the paper must be delivered to the third floor and that the subscription had been secured by "SMYTH".

The files of this office contain no information on the other persons listed as residents at this address.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that this is a memo made by him indicating that there was an apartment available in the 4200 block of Girard Avenue and that the rental agent could be located at TR-7-3400. This information was furnished to him by WILLIAM ALKUS of the C. W. BERG Laboratories. BLACK recalls having considered moving to that vicinity at one time.

WBW:mtp
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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 16, 1950

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LABORATORIES, 1327 N. 5th Street, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

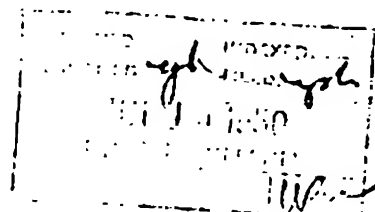
DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

An envelope addressed to TOM BLACK, 17 Oxford Street, Newark, New Jersey, postmarked 12/23/46 from Seattle, Washington. It bears the return address 2520 E. McGraw, Seattle 2, Washington. This item contains Item No. 18, which is a Christmas card containing the following note: "Dear Tom: How the time rolls by. This last year has been an active one. Last April I started a small photofinishing project which I have been operating evenings. It has slowly expanded until we are now doing about 150 gross business. There is a high school kind and a couple of university boys who help me part time. I just got in a Pako Electrogloss Drier, which I haven't had time to set up yet. We also have on order a Pako. /s/ Wilma, Bruce, Marilyn and Tom."

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning the identity of the individuals whose names appear on the bottom of the item, and the Seattle Office should be requested to check the names through their indices.

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SAC

June 21, 1973 - --

WINTA __, WINTA __, "WINTA" __ and TET __, 2520 E. McGraw, Seattle 2
Washington

This is the family of F. BERT WINTA of the above address
who are mentioned previously in this memo.

The files of this office contain no information on any of
these persons.

WUP:md

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. D. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

This individual is M. BRUCE SANFORD, previously identified and
interviewed in connection with this case.

WSW:mtp
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

A torn brown piece of paper containing in red pencil the
name SAM, the address 1749 North ~~West~~ter, telephone No. GA 35709.

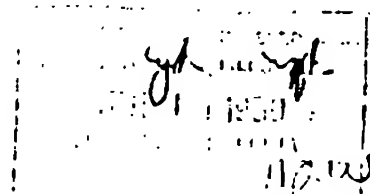
SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning the identity of SAM
and the significance of his association with him. The identity
of the subscriber to the telephone number should be ascertained
and the names checked through indices.

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C/S

June 21, 1959

SAN —, 1742 North Master, telephone GA 3-4742.

The Cross Reference Telephone Directory contains no listing at this address.

The Fall, 1942 Voters Registration list maintained in this office contains no listing of this address.

The Cross Reference Telephone Directory contains a listing to a RITA M. DALY at 1742 North Master Street, telephone Garfield 3-5711.

The Fall, 1942 Voters Registration list maintained in this office indicates JOHN J. and RITA M. DALY to be registered voters from 1742 North Master Street, which is the 2nd Division of the 12th Ward.

The files of this office contain no information on RITA M. DALY, JOHN J. DALY, RITA M. DALY, JOHN J. DALY, SAN DALY or SAN DALY.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WEITE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that SAM appearing herein, are the initials of
SARA ANN MILLOR, and is the address at which she was living after she left
the apartment in which BLACK lived during the week.

WB7:mtp
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE June 18, 1950

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LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WAS IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

A business card of the Metallizing Company of America, 429
East 75th Street, New York, N. Y. telephone Rhineland
4-6050. On the left appears the name MARK GOMPERTS,
Terminal Commercial Building, Philadelphia, Pa., phone
Walnut 2-5573. In pencil there also appears the following
home address, Ogontz Manor Apartments, Philadelphia 41, Pa.
Hancock 46876.

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning his association with
the company and MARK GOMPERTS. It should also be determined
whether or not the home address and phone subscribed is that
of GOMPERTS. If after interviewing BLACK it is deemed
advisable, the New York Office should check the Company and
any individuals through their indices.

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PARK GOFFERTS, Terminal Commerce Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Walnut 2-5573

Home address: Ogontz Manor Apartments, Philadelphia 41
Hancock 4-3876

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains a listing to PARK GOFFERTS, Ogontz Manor Apartments, Hancock 4-3876.

The files of this office contain no information on PARK GOFFERTS.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WHITE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that MARK GOMPERTS was a salesman who was employed
by BERG for a period of one week. After GOMPERTS left, he communicated
with BLACK and furnished him his present whereabouts.

NBW:mtp
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INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIALS OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BERG LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

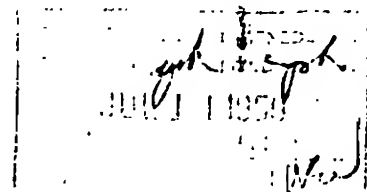
DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

This item is a business card of the C. F. LUMM Company, Quaker City Chemical Company Division, North 6th Avenue and Wells Street, Knoxville, Tennessee. Main Office and plant 2736 North Broad Street, Philadelphia. Affiliate Birmingham Street and Whitfield Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The plant name JOHN RASCHER appears in the left corner.

SUGGESTED LEADS

BLACK should be interviewed concerning his association with this company and with JOHN RASCHER. The Company and the name RASCHER should be checked through the Philadelphia indices.

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June 21, 1950

Quaker City Chemical Company, 2726 North Broad Street, JOSEF PASCHKE

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains a listing to the Quaker City Chemical Company at the above address. This directory also contains a listing to a JOSEF PASCHKE, 2035 East Rush Street.

The files of this office contain no information on this company or on this person.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLLES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that RASCHER was a salesman that called upon him
at the C. W. BERG Laboratories.

WBW:mtp

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 16, 1950

INITIAL HANDWRITING OF MATERIAL RECEIVED FROM THOMAS L. BLACK
LABORATORIES, 1927 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WAS IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

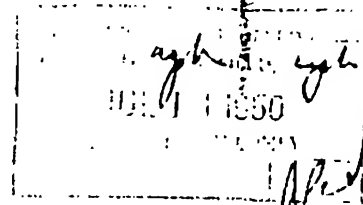
This item is a plain white sheet of paper containing the following:

1. The name KAHNSTRAM
2. Hartolan
3. Franklin Institute photo copy initials B. P.
4. Ohmite Mfg. Company, 4841 Flournoy Street, Chicago 44 -
Cat No. 40 (W.E.) Scheer Chem. Co., Inc., 60 East 42nd
St.
5. Pay 1946 balance
6. E. S. 500 - 600 more
7. File 1947 estimate
8. Vanposnak
9. Chem Industries

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning the significance of the above enumerated items and any names obtained therefrom should be checked through indices.

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MAINTENANCE

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains no listing to any person of this name.

The files of this office contain no information on persons of this name.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WEITE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

1. BLACK advised that the MALMSTRAM Company is a manufacturer of lanolin in Brooklyn, N. Y.
2. HARTOLAN is the trade name of an English product which is composed of wood fat alcohols
3. This is a notation for BLACK indicating that he had ordered a photostat of a British Patent from the Franklin Institute and did not receive it.
4. These are chemical catalogs.
5. This was a memo for BLACK to pay the balance of his 1946 income tax.
6. This is a memo to pay ERNEST SEGESSEMAN \$600. It also indicates that BLACK has previously paid him \$500. BLACK states that this is in connection with his kickback resulting from his employment as a consultant by Fine Organics.
7. A memo for BLACK to file his 1947 estimated income tax return.
8. Memo for BLACK to pay the storage company charges.
9. Is a trade journal.

WBW:mtp
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES T. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, WHICH CAME IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

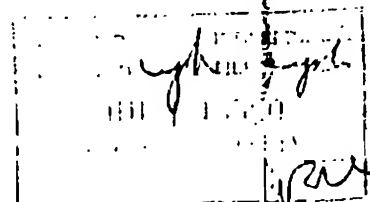
Torn piece of white paper containing what appears to be the words, KOPPERS, Mr. LERNER, LO 4-1215, and PICCOLINI and LIXED PICCOLINI, and written at an angle appears the name H. H. FRITCH, with the initials T.P.D. Thereafter there appears 350 EMPIRE (crossed out) 5th Avenue.

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning the significance of the two names and the phone number and address. In the event it becomes logical, the WFO should be requested to check their indices against the individuals located in that jurisdiction.

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SAC

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MR. LARNER, KOPPERS, LO 4-1215

The files of this office contain no information identifiable with Mr. LARNER.

END:amd
65-1332

BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTS, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that he had been in touch with the Koppers Coke Co.
in order to secure certain samples in connection with his work at the BERG
Laboratory.

LARNER and FRITCH mentioned herein, were the salesmen with whom
he had had contact in endeavoring to secure samples of certain of their
chemicals.

WBW:mtp
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHRISTIAN W. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Small paper containing the initials at the top, A.C.P.,
telephone RA 2-4447. Below this appears the word GARFIELD.

SUGGESTED LEAD

The identity of the telephone number should be ascertained
and BLACK interviewed concerning the significance of the
items described above and his association with anybody
having the initials A. C. P.

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A. C. P., telephone WA 2-4447 GARFIELD

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains no listing to any person named GARFIELD with the above telephone number, and this number does not appear in the telephone number index.

If A.C.P. is further identified, it is suggested that that name be rechecked in the office indices.

END:md

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTZ, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK stated that the A.C.P. mentioned herein is the American Cholesterol Products Company and that the telephone is a New York telephone number.

GARFIELD was the individual with whom he spoke in their New York office. BLACK has previously advised that the American Cholesterol Products Company is the main producer of cholesterol in the United States and holds the majority of patents on the production of cholesterol from lanolin.

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SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1327 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

White 5 x 8 sheet of paper containing telephone no. SH 7-9041.
This paper also contains indented writing.

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning the identity of the
subscriber of the telephone number and its possible significance
with this case.

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SH 7-2011

This number does not appear in the telephone number
index in this office.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WHITE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

Telephone number Sherwood 7-2041, according to BLACK, is the
telephone number of Dr. JACOB HEVIAS. HEVIAS is a chemist employed by the
Pennsylvania School of Optometry and BLACK sold him some second-hand labora-
tory equipment which was of no use to BLACK.

WBW:mtp
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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 16, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM QUINCY L. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1027 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

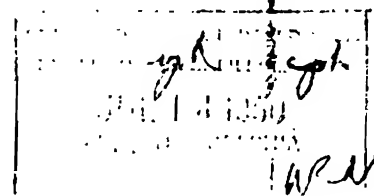
White 5 x 8 sheet of paper containing telephone no. SH 7-9041.
This paper also contains indented writing.

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning the identity of the
subscriber of the telephone number and its possible significance
with this case.

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For file. O.K.



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This number does not appear in the telephone number index in this office.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WEITE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

Telephone number Sherwood 7-9041, according to BLACK, is the
telephone number of Dr. JACOB NEVYAS. NEVYAS is a chemist employed by the
Pennsylvania School of Optometry and BLACK sold him some second-hand labora-
tory equipment which was of no use to BLACK.

WBW:mtp
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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM STEPHEN A. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

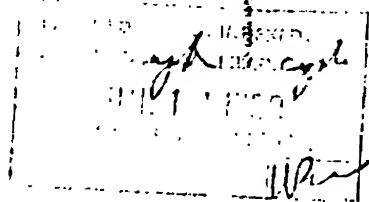
Items No. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 are photostats of what appear to be a technical document written in German. Also, on Item 12, the following appears in the margin in red ink: FETTCHEM. UNSCHNAN. Underneath this appears the numerals 40, 124-7 (1933). In blue ink, what appears to be the word, PRING, also appears.

SUGGESTED LEAD

These items should be examined by a translator for the purpose of determining the substance of their contents. BLACK should be interviewed concerning the significance of this, as well as the significance of the words appearing on the margin of Item 12.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTZ, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that the photostats are those of a Swiss Patent dealing with textile oils and the method of testing these oils. Red ink notations appearing on the side indicate the publication which the photostats were made by the New York Public Library.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

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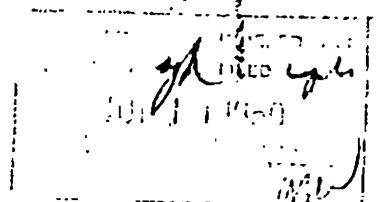
A page from a calendar dated 2/2/49 containing the name
LUEIRKA, Bowers.

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning the significance of
this and thereafter a lead set forth for the NYO to check
their indices.

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(Signature)



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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR. on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that this individual had a pet shop in the Bowery which BLACK had visited on several occasions, and BLACK had an interest in this since this man was an importer of wild animals from Africa.

WBW:mtp
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TO : SAC

FROM : SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 12, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES L. BERN
LABORATORIES, 1327 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

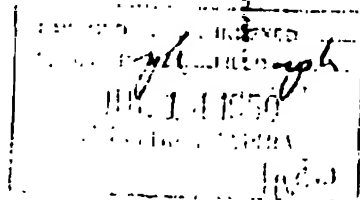
This item is an envelope addressed to Mr. ERNEST SEGESSEMAN, 165-12th St., Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, postmarked 11/12/46, Newark, N. J. It bears the return address printed on the back, of HENRY L. KAPLAN, M. D., 17 Weequahic Avenue, Newark, N. J. On the back of the envelope there also appears the following: NEWTOWN 9-6093, IRONSIDES 6-5451, LAB. 35-03 57th Avenue, Elmhurst, L.I.N.Y. This item contains the following letter: "Dear Ernie: I am sorry to have kept your money for so long, but you know that many things have happened. When I came back I could locate neither you nor TOM BLACK. Now I know where you are. Can you tell me of the whereabouts of TOM? None of our old cronies seem to know where he disappeared to. Once again, Ernie, many thanks, you know how much your loan meant to me at this time. Sincerely (Appears to be signed "Hank")

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed as to the manner in which he obtained possession of these two items and also questioned as to whether or not he wrote the telephone number and address on the back of the envelope. He should also be questioned as to whether or not he knows HENRY KAPLAN, and the association between the three of them. The Newark Office should check their indices against the name KAPLAN and ERNEST SEGESSEMAN. The NYO should identify the subscriber to the two telephone numbers and ascertain the identity of the "Lab" at the listed address. Thereafter, the NYO should check their indices and conduct any further investigation suggested thereafter.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WEITE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that this is a letter from HENRY L. KAPLAN, now a Medical Doctor, to ERNEST SEGESSEMAN. At one time SEGESSEMAN had loaned money to KAPLAN and KAPLAN was repaying this loan. The letter was sent to BLACK by SEGESSEMAN in view of the fact that KAPLAN was an old friend of BLACK and was inquiring about TOM's whereabouts.

BLACK stated that KAPLAN was an ex-member of the SWP, having dropped out around 1942. He stated that SEGESSEMAN was never a member of the SWP but did know some of the members through TOM BLACK.

The telephone numbers, Newtown and Ironsides on the reverse side of the envelope refer to the home and laboratory telephone of ABRAHAM BROTHMAN. Since the letter was dated November, 1946, BLACK concluded that he had written these numbers down in view of the fact that it was during this period that HARRY GOLD was employed by BROTHMAN and this would be during the period in which BLACK went to BROTHMAN's laboratory on several occasions with HARRY GOLD. He stated also, that he had probably written these telephone numbers down as a means of getting in touch with HARRY GOLD.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

SAC

DATE:

June 18, 1950

FROM :

SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN

SUBJECT:

THOMAS L. BLACK was.
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INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
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DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

A calling card of the BRITANIA RESTAURANT, Excellent Cuisine,
370 8th Avenue, NYC, Longacre 3-7644. At the top appear
the names PAUL M. JACOBS and JOHN ATHANASIOU.

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed concerning the manner in which
he obtained this card and the significance of it. Thereafter,
if advisable, the NYO should check their indices against the
names of the two men appearing on the card.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that he had eaten at the Britania Restaurant
on at least one occasion and found it to be a good eating place and then
picked up their card in the hopes of returning there.

WBW:mt p
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA ELWOOD A. PETT (A)

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1827 W. 5th STREET, WHICH WAS IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK BY SA ELWOOD A. PETT ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

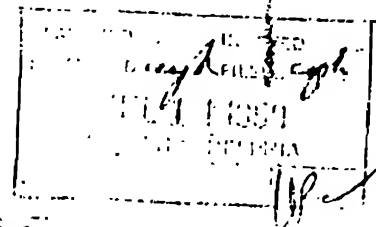
Card on which appears handwriting reflecting the name
HILDITCH T. P. (books). There are numerous other notations
on this card which are apparently not pertinent.

SUGGESTED LEAD

The Office indices should be checked regarding the name
HILDITCH. BLACK should be interviewed regarding the
information on the card.

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SAC

June 20, 1950

T. P. WILDITCH - Books

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory and the 1949 Suburban Philadelphia telephone directory contain no listing to this person.

The files of this office contain no information on this person.

EDP:mad
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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that HILDITCH is an English author in the field of
oils and fats.

WBW:mtp
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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ELWOOD A. PETT (A)

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was;
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DATE: 6/18/50

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARL S W. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5TH STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA ELWOOD A. PETT ON JUNE 16, 1950

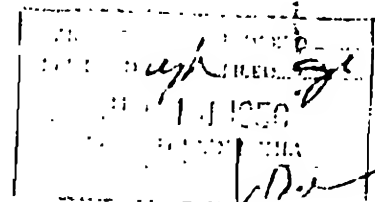
DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Invoice of the Philadelphia Book Company dated February 27,
1947 reflecting that BLACK purchased the following books:

THE NATIONAL FORMULARY VIII ED
CLINCHE "ANTI-SEMITISM"
FRANK "PERSONAL COUNSEL"
SMYTH "REPORT ON ATOMIC ENERGY"

No lead is being set forth on this item at this time. It was
taken for information purposes.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that the following books were purchased by him.
The first is a Medical Book, the second is a book which he purchased and gave
to JACK FASS as a gift, and the latter two were purchased for his own use.
BLACK advised that he has read the Smyth Report on Atomic Energy.

WBW:mtp
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA ELWOOD A. PETT (A)

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was;
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DATE: 6/13/50

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES C. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5TH STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA ELWOOD A. PETT ON JUNE 16, 1950

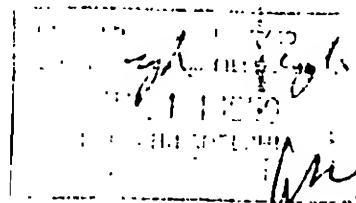
DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Five photostatic pages of technical data in a foreign language.

SUGGESTED LEAD

Translator should review this material and, if pertinent,
BLACK should be questioned regarding it.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. D. WELTE, JR. on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that this is a photostatic copy of a French patent dealing with the refining of high acid oils, basically olive oil foots.

WBW:mtp
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA ELWOOD A. PETT (A)

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK, was;
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INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BERG LABORATORIES, 1327 N. 5TH STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA ELWOOD A. PETT ON JUNE 16, 1950

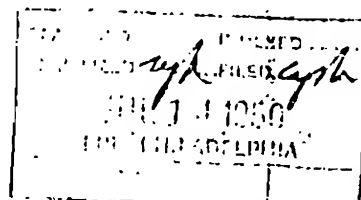
DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Large label of Barium and Chemicals, Inc., Willoughby, Ohio, referring to barium and strontium products.

SUGGESTED LEAD

Suggested that BLACK be interviewed regarding the pertinence of this label.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that this label refers merely to suppliers of
chemicals.

VBW:mtp
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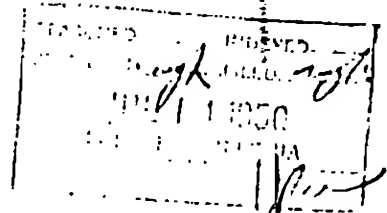
Card containing unidentified chemical formula.

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed regarding the pertinence of
this formula. If possible, an Agent with sufficient
knowledge of Chemistry should review this formula.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTÉ, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that this formula deals with the preparation of
amonaglyceride, an emulsifying agent.

WBW:mtp
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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ELWOOD A. FETT (A)

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 18, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5th STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA ELWOOD A. FETT ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Card on which appears handwritten notes at the top of which
are the initials FPH which are undoubtedly the initials of
FERDINAND P. HELLER. Below this appears a notation, Hotel
Leland, Richmond, Indiana.

SUGGESTED LEAD

BLACK should be interviewed regarding the information on
this card.

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FERNANDO P. HELLER

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that the old Hotel Leland, Richmond, Indiana was the
hotel at which HELLER stayed while there.

WBW:mtp
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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ELWOOD A. PETT (A)

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ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 6/18/50

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LABORATORIES, 1827 N. 5TH STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA ELWOOD A. PETT ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

A piece of paper with handwriting headed "Who Has What"
with the following information below:

- H. Tech. Asp. En
- S. Hickenbottom
- B. Fan
- Y. Photo lamps and shades
- Y. Suitcase photo stuff
- Y. Formulae
- Y. Cond. anal
- Y. Lowey and Waters Phys. Asp. Org. Chem. Bact., etc.

SUGGESTED LEAD

Suggested that BLACK be interviewed regarding the pertinence
of the above notes.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

BLACK stated that this is simply a memo on items of his that he had
lent to various individuals.

The H is FRED HELLER and the abbreviations refer to the book on the
Techniques of Asphalt Emulsions. The S is ERNEST SEGESSEMAN. The B is H.
BOEIE, a superintendent of BLACK's apartment in Newark. The Y is YANKEL, an
alias of JACK FASS.

WEW:mtp
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FROM : SA ELWOOD A. PETT (A)

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
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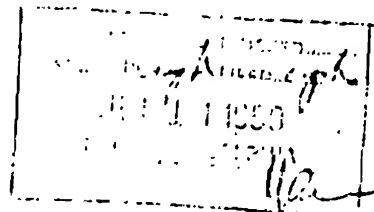
DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Business card of Dr. JOSEPH D. SKILTON, Dentist. Telephone number Mayfair 6998. Address 8004 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia 36, Pa. On the front of this card the following letters and numbers are in handwriting, possibly a telephone number, CTE 8167.

SUGGESTED LEAD

The Philadelphia Office indices should be checked regarding the above name. BLACK should be interviewed regarding SKILTON. If deemed advisable, SKILTON should be interviewed regarding BLACK.

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DR. JOSEPH D. SMITH, Dentist, 8004 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia 36
Mayfair 6995
CH 3167

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains a listing to this person at the above address.

The files of this office contain no information on this person.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

The DR. JOSEPH D. SKILTON mentioned herein, is known to be a
friend of BLACK and HELLER.

WBW:mtp
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TO :

SAC

DATE:

June 18, 1950

FROM :

SA ELWOOD A. PETT (A)

SUBJECT:

THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CHARLES W. BERG
LABORATORIES, 1927 N. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY
OF THOMAS L. BLACK, by SA ELWOOD A. PETT ON JUNE 16, 1950

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

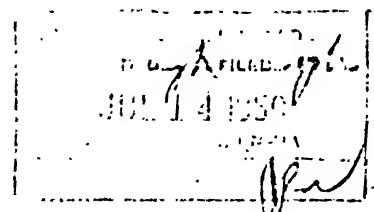
Business card of Metal - Glass Products Company, 62 Springton
Road, Upper Darby, Pa., Boulevard 5699R. The name on the
card is JACK M. PATTON.

SUGGESTED LEAD

Philadelphia Office indices should be checked regarding
JACK M. PATTON. BLACK should be interviewed regarding
information on the above card. If deemed advisable, PATTON
should be interviewed regarding BLACK.

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June 20, 1950

METAL-GLASS PRODUCTS COMPANY, 62 Springton Road, Upper Darby, Pa.
Boulevard 5663-R - JACK W. PATTON

The 1942 Suburban Philadelphia telephone directory contains a listing to JACK W. PATTON at the above address, telephone number Boulevard 3863. This directory contains no listing for the METAL-GLASS PRODUCTS COMPANY.

The files of this office contain no information on this person or this company.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. E. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

The JACK M. PATTON mentioned herein, is a salesman who called on
BLACK at the C. W. BERG Laboratories.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA ELMOND A. PETT (A)

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 14, 1950

INITIAL ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CONRIGS L. BERG LABORATORIES, 1927 E. 5th STREET, WHICH WERE IN THE CUSTODY OF THOMAS L. BLACK, BY SA ELMOND A. PETT ON JUNE 16, 1950.

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

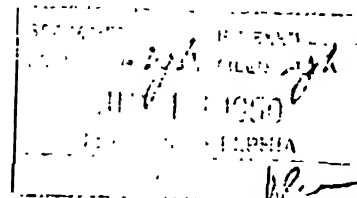
Business card of U. S. Steel Products Company reflecting the representative to be E. A. KING, Petroleum Iron Works Division, address 1418 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 2, Pa., telephone number Pennypacker 7178. In handwriting, the date 3/10/47 appears on the card.

SUGGESTED LEAD

The Philadelphia Office indices should be checked on KING. BLACK should be interviewed regarding information on this card. If advisable, KING should be interviewed regarding BLACK.

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June 20, 1950

U. S. STEEL INDUSTRIES COMPANY, E. A. KIST, Petroleum Iron Works Division
1413 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 2, Pa., Pennypacker 7173

The 1949 Suburban Philadelphia Telephone directory contains a listing to an E. A. KIST, 463 Derryn Road, Bessel Park, Pa., telephone number Clearbrook 0135.

The files of this office contain no information identifiable with this person.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

The E. A. KING mentioned herein is a salesman who called upon
BLACK and C. W. BERG. In fact, BERG purchased a stainless steel drum
from this individual.

WDW:mtp
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TO : SAC

FROM : SA DAVID W. GREEN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 19, 1950

ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM SEARCH OF BLACK'S RESIDENCE BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN, 6/15/50.

Item #86 in BLACK'S search memo by SA GALLIVAN, 6/16/50.

Description of material:

Piece of paper bearing pencil notation 177 East Railway and phone number SH 7-9041.

Lead:

It should be ascertained if such address is in Philadelphia and, if so, the identity of the individual residing there should be ascertained, keeping in mind a possible interview for any connection with BLACK. The above phone number should also be checked to ascertain to whom it is registered, consideration being given to having that individual interviewed regarding BLACK and his activities.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

The address 177 East Railway Avenue pertains to the Spruce Chemical Company and the telephone number Sherwood 7-9041 is that of Dr. JACOB NEVYAS, who has been previously identified.

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TO : SAC

FROM : - SA DAVID W. BREEN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 19, 1950

ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM SEARCH OF BLACK'S RESIDENCE BY SA JOHN E. CALLIVAN, 6/15/50.

Item #86 in BLACK's search memo by SA CALLIVAN, 6/16/50:

Description of material:

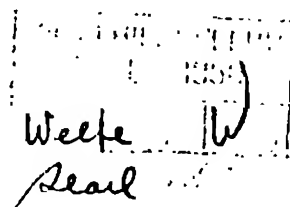
An envelope containing thirteen patent coupons addressed to T. L. BLACK in care of COOPER, 1908 Dallas Street, Philadelphia, 38, Pa.

Lead:

It is suggested that attempt be made to ascertain who COOPER is at 1908 Dallas Street, Philadelphia 38, Pa., and if advisable COOPER should be interviewed regarding BLACK's activities.

Interviewed.

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June 21, 1950

COOPER
1908 Dallas Street
Philadelphia 38

The 1950 Philadelphia telephone directory contains a listing to LEON COOPER, 1908 Dallas Road, Hancock 4-4869.

The Fall 1949 Voters Registration Lists maintained in this office indicate that ANNA and LOUIS COOPER are registered voters from 1908 Dallas Road, which is located in the 33rd Division of the 50th Ward.

LEON COOPER is indexed under Serials 47 and 177 of the BLACK case, 65-4332.

The files of this office contain no information identifiable with ANNA or LOUIS COOPER.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950:

The following patent numbers were found on the patent coupons
mentioned herein:

2,240,957
2,465,303
2,482,761
2,483,253
2,482,760
2,485,205
2,485,204
2,486,444
2,026,816
2,488,441
1,968,794
1,968,798
2,479,516

These patents deal with BLACK's work with the Spruce Chemical Co.
or the C. W. BERG laboratories.

The COOPER mentioned here, at 1908 Dallas Street, is LOUIS COOPER,
an uncle of JACOB FASS and the individuals with whom BLACK formerly resided.
COOPER has been interviewed.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA DAVID W. BREEN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 21, 1950

ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM SEARCH OF BLACK'S RESIDENCE BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN, 6/15/50.

Item #87 in BLACK's search memo by SA GALLIVAN, 6/16/50.

Description of Material:

- ✓ 1. Numerous magazine clippings regarding gas compressors, organic chemicals, waxes, acids, kettles, and oils.
- ✓ 2. Letter to Charles W. Berg Laboratories, 1827 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, attention - Mr. THOMAS L. BLACK, dated 10/29/48, from Corning Gas Works, Corning, N.Y., thanking him for inquiring concerning adaptors and glass valves and attaching a bulletin covering same.
- ✓ 3. A letter to C. W. Berg Laboratories, marked attention - Mr. BLACK, dated 10/28/48, Corning Glass Works, Corning, New York, enclosing a descriptive sheet on photo-sensitive glass which is only sold to licensed professors, universities and agencies of the government.
- ✓ 4. A letter to THOMAS L. BLACK, 1827 North 5th Street, dated 1/22/48, from Argus, Inc., advising that manufacture of Argus Micro-Film Reader was discontinued during the war.
- ✓ 5. A pamphlet entitled "Sulfonates of Neolones, Production and Testing, published by Sharpless Chemicals, Inc.
- ✓ 6. Two pieces of paper containing chemical formula and process written in longhand in ink.
- ✓ 7. Two 4" x 7" cards containing instructions for process #2180; two 4" x 7" cards for process #2179; and one card for process 2157.
No lead is being set forth on the above data at this time.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR., on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that these cards are strictly legitimate business. They had to do with his work at the C. W. BERG Laboratories.

Regarding Item #4, BLACK advised that he had attempted to purchase an Argus Microfilm Reader inasmuch as he felt that it was cheaper to purchase microfilm than it was to have articles photostated.

Regarding Item #6, the formulas contained thereon were furnished to him by ERNEST SEGESSEMAN.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA DAVID W. BREEN

SUBJECT: THOMAS L. BLACK
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 20, 1950

ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM SEARCH OF BLACK'S RESIDENCE BY SA JOHN E. GALLIVAN, 6/15/50.

Item #87 in BLACK's search memo by SA GALLIVAN, 6/16/50.

Description of material:

Two pieces of paper written in longhand entitled Preparation of Water Soluble Fat Amides, explaining preparation and process. This paper is signed M. J. KELLEY in longhand.

Lead:

BLACK should be interviewed in an attempt to ascertain the identity of M. J. KELLEY. Will thereafter, if advisable, interview KELLEY regarding BLACK's activities.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.

on July 12, 1950:

BLACK advised that M. J. KELLEY was a NOPCO chemist and that he had secured this article from ERNEST SEGESSEMANH.

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BLACK's explanation furnished to SAs R. W. HOLMES and W. B. WELTE, JR.
on July 12, 1950;

BLACK advised that the JACK M. PATTON mentioned herein, was a salesman who called upon him at the C. W. BERG Laboratories and the publication is trade literature left by PATTON.

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